

Washington, DC – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence voted today to stop the EPA from regulating greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act. The Energy Tax Prevention Act passed the House 255-172.

"With gas prices averaging \$3.70 per gallon, up from \$3.50 a month ago, up nearly a dollar from a year ago, and with unemployment rates continuing at heartbreaking levels, the last thing the American people need is a national energy tax.

"Yet the Obama EPA seems intent on implementing policies that will not only drive up the price at the pump, but drive even more American jobs to places like India and China. According to a study conducted by the Heritage Foundation, annual job losses will exceed 800,000 should the Congress fail to act in preventing the EPA from moving ahead with their global warming agenda.

"In this difficult economy, the federal government must make affordable, domestic energy production a top priority and House Republicans are doing just that.

"I applaud the work of my colleagues in developing an all-of-the-above energy solution that will create jobs and end our dependence on foreign sources of energy.

"But Congress first must stop the EPA's assault on working families, small businesses and family farms by rejecting this backdoor national energy tax."